

Remarks/Arguments

Applicants thank Examiner Mitchell for his careful examination of this application and his clear explanation of the claim rejections and for conditionally allowing claims 14. In response, applicants amended the application as follows:

1. Applicants cancel claims 7 - 9 and claims 13 – 28.
2. Applicants amend claim 1 to include all the limitations of the allowable dependent claim 14 with all the limitation of its base claim 1. As amended, claim 1 stands patentable over the references.
3. Applicants amend claim 29 to include the element of dependent claim 14 that distinguishes it from the King reference. As amended, claim 29 stands patentable over the references.
4. Applicants insert new claims 33 and 34, which are fully supported in the original specification and drawing figures.

The claims 2 – 6, 10 – 12, 30 – 32 stand patentable for the reasons below:

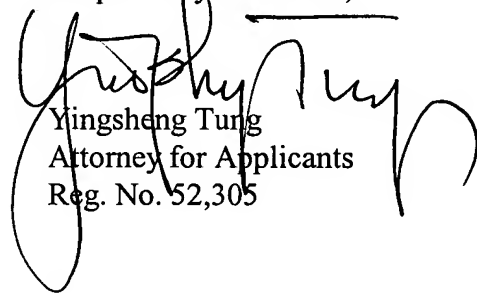
1. Claim 2 depends on claim 1 and further limits the number of conductive members per conductive pad to two. This is not disclosed in the King reference, which discloses a contact group comprising at least three projecting contact elements.
2. Claims 3 – 6, 10 - 12 depend directly or indirectly on claim 1 and are therefore patentable over King by virtue of their dependence from patentable base claim 1.
3. Claims 30 – 32 depend directly on claim 29 and are therefore patentable over King by virtue of their dependence from patentable base claim 29.
4. New claim 33 is fully supported in the original specification, drawing figures and the original claims and distinguishes from the King reference because it requires no more than two conductive member formed on each of the

multiplicity of conductive pads while the King reference requires a contact group to comprise at least three projecting contact elements.

5. Claim 34 depends directly on claim 33 and further limits the number of the conductive member formed on each of the conductive pads to one while the King reference requires a contact group to comprise at least three projecting contact elements.

In summary, applicants respectfully request further examination of this application and timely allowance of Claims 1-6, 10-12, and 29-34.

Respectfully submitted,



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